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COMMENCEMENT Week this year will consist of little more than the formal conferring of degrees. So many members of the graduating class have already left the University that committees in charge of arrangements have thought it better to omit many of the festivities which have come to be associated with the graduation exercises. Their suggestions were received and approved by the University Commencement Committee at a meeting held on May 17. It was the sense of that committee that the exercises of graduation week should be reduced to the essential formalities, for the sake both of simplicity and of economy.

THE COMMITTEE approved undergraduate recommendations that the Class Day exercises and the Senior Ball both be omitted from the program. Since The Masque has announced that it will not undertake to give a play, and there is little probability of a concert by the Glee Club, the events of senior week are reduced to the Baccalaureate Sermon and the Commencement exercises. The sermon will be preached on Sunday, June 24, by the Rev. Charles Whitney Gilkey of Chicago. There may be a social meeting of members of the senior class in Bailey Hall on some evening, to make up for the loss of Class Day. A suggestion of such a meeting was discussed by the committee but no decision was reached with regard to it.

A CHANGE in the date of Commencement was proposed for this year. A sub-committee was appointed to inquire if it would be possible and practicable to hold the graduation exercises on Monday, June 25, instead of Wednesday the 27th, the day set by the University calendar. The reason offered for this proposed change is that if the graduation exercises can be held on Monday as well as not, there is no need of requiring the members of the graduating class to spend two idle days merely waiting for their diplomas. The committee decided that no attempt should be made this year to hold the Commencement exercises in the natural theater on the slope west of McGraw Hall. The exercises have been held out of doors for several

years in order that all members of the class and guests might attend them. The attendance this year is likely to be so much smaller than usual that the exercises will be held in Bailey Hall.

FIVE classes only—'72, '77, '82, '87, and '92—are going ahead with arrangements for formal class reunions. All the younger ones, from 1897 to 1914, have postponed their meetings indefinitely, but their members who live in Ithaca are prepared to help in arranging for informal meetings of all their classmates who come from out of town. No doubt there will be several such gatherings, for most of the general events of Alumni Week are to be held anyway. These events include the annual meetings of the Alumni Association, the Class Secretaries, and the Cornellian Council. The Alumni Days are Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23. It will be a singular reunion week—without class costumes, without a general alumni rally, and with no baseball game at Percy Field.

A TEST of his model for the University's statue of Ezra Cornell has been made by the sculptor, Hermon Atkins MacNeil. What the sculptor calls a dummy of the statue has been standing for several days on the west side of the Quadrangle, between Morrill and McGraw Halls. That is where the statue is to stand, facing the statue of Mr. White across the Quadrangle. The dummy is an enlarged photograph of the model mounted on board and set upon a pedestal of boards and muslin. The purpose of the test is to find exactly the best place and to determine the proper height for the statue. The bronze figure of the Founder will be about nine feet high, raised about three feet from the ground, and flanked on either side by a stone bench.

A MEETING of the Agricultural College Magazines, Associated, was held in New York last week. This association was organized three years ago and now includes the publications of eight state agricultural colleges—those of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The *Cornell Countryman* leads the eight in circu-

lation. The magazines sell their advertising space in common and the association has advertising representatives in New York and Chicago. During the New York meeting a luncheon was given at the Advertising Club and representatives of the eight largest advertising agencies in the city were entertained. Professor F. W. Beckman of Iowa State College gave a talk telling about the character of these magazines and the kind of people that read them. The *Countryman* was represented by Russell Lord, the editor, and E. B. Sullivan, the business manager. They took the delegates to the Cornell Club for supper and one of the business sessions.

THE annual contest for the '86 Memorial Prize in declamation was held in Barnes Hall on May 18. The prize was won by Miss Marion Langworthy White, of Ithaca, a member of the junior class in the College of Arts and Sciences. The other competitors were J. B. Kirkland '18, Ithaca; G. H. S. McNair '18, West New Brighton; H. A. Falconer '19, New York; J. T. Owens '17, Willsboro; R. A. Gilchrist '19, Yonkers; Louis Drago '19, Richmond Hill; S. M. Barr '17, Brooklyn; F. C. McCarthy '17, Syracuse, and Miss Laura B. Brown '19, Ithaca. The judges were Elbert C. Wixom '03, of Auburn; Gay H. Brown '11, of Utica, and Professor H. A. Sill.

THE FIRE which destroyed Morse Hall on February 13, 1916, was a heavy blow to *The Cornell Chemist*, but the *Chemist* has come back. The first number of the magazine published since the fire occurred has just appeared. It contains several interesting pictures of the ruins of the old laboratory. All the records of the *Chemist* were destroyed by the fire, and the magazine has had to start all over again.

LEADING articles in the *Cornell Law Quarterly* for May, the last number of the year, are "The organization of the courts for the better administration of justice" (part two), by William L. Ransom '05; "The Webb-Kenyon law decision," by Professor Samuel P. Orth; "Methods of teaching practice," by Professor O. L. McCaskill," and "The Adamson law decision," by Professor C. K. Burdick.



## The Cornell Pageant an Excellent Production

**A**FTER almost two years of preparation, the women students of Cornell enacted their Pageant on May 18 and 19. They had planned to give the play a year ago, but, for various reasons, were unable to do so at that time. In every respect it was a success. It was given for the benefit of the Women's Dormitory Fund and also in part for the American Ambulance Field Service in France. There will be substantial benefits for both. The women's playground, a natural amphitheater in Cascadilla Gorge, lent itself beautifully to the purpose of the pageant. The stage was at the east end of the broad level field. The ridge of ground which bounds the field at that end served

the double purpose of an upper stage and of a screen behind which the various groups of actors formed before making their entrances. There was also a side entrance from the bank of the stream on the south, masked by a planting of evergreens. Practically all the women students of the University took some part in the preparation or presentation of the pageant and a large number of younger girls assisted them. Three performances were given—on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon and evening. The weather was ideal on the two afternoons. A shower came up toward the end of the Saturday evening performance but did not interrupt the play.

Miss Marjorie Barstow '12 was the

author of the book of the pageant. Miss Margaret MacLaren Eager trained the players, and Mrs. Elsa Eager Ball was the director of the dances. Miss Elizabeth Alward '18 was the student chairman of the executive committee. Music was provided by the University Orchestra and at one of the performances the Sage Chapel Choir assisted. A company of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps was assigned to guard duty.

The pageant was a series of episodes designed to illustrate the various fields of economic activity in which Cornell women have engaged. Legends or historical facts were portrayed. "The Visions of Urania" was the title of the production. The muse made her en-



*Photographs by J. P. Troy*

trance during the prologue, took her seat with a train of attendants on the upper stage at the left, and viewed the various episodes. The prologue included dancing by foresters and shepherds and by Miss Margaret Luckings as an elf-girl, the Spirit of the Play. The first episode, that of arts and sciences, introduced the poet Sappho (Miss Hilda Eulenstein) in two legendary incidents of her life, the one her reply to an ignorant rich woman and the other her meeting with the poet Alcaeus. Then came an interlude entitled "The Heart of Nature" introducing Miss Elsie Gutman as Pan and consisting of a series of dances. One of the photographs reproduced herewith illustrates this interlude. The second episode, the professional colleges, included three scenes, devoted respectively to law, medicine, and architecture and engineering. In the first of these Miss Virginia Van Brunt appeared as the Peace Maiden, a character in the mythology of the Iroquois Indians. The scene of the second was a market place in Naples at the beginning of the fifteenth century, in which appeared Margarita, a noblewoman who studied medicine at Salerno. In this part Miss Emily Schultze made her entrance mounted on a white horse. This scene is shown in one of the photographs. A beautiful scene was that of the Hanging Garden of Babylon, which was chosen to illustrate the colleges of architecture and engineering. The gardens were suggested by baskets of flowers mounted on tall staffs and borne by a double line of attendants at either side of the green. Miss Dorothea Koch enacted the part of Semiramis of Babylon, the queen of whose fame as a builder marvelous stories are told in ancient legends. The third episode, devoted to the college of agriculture and home economics, was entitled "The Virtuous Woman" and its text was found in the thirty-first chapter of the Book of Proverbs. The scene was a valley in Palestine in harvest time, and Miss Regene Freund played the part of the prudent housewife described in the scripture. In a final scene the whole company of actors marched about the green and then formed a group upon the upper stage, where they sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Alma Mater." The acting of the pageant took two hours. It was a play well worth giving and was performed in admirable fashion. Bad weather had made it almost impossible for the actors to rehearse and the first performance was practically the only dress rehearsal.

### **The A.B. Degree with Honors Faculty of Arts and Sciences Provides for a Scholastic Distinction**

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences has opened a way for the granting of the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honors. The honors which a student may win in conjunction with his degree will be distinctly given him for meritorious work in some department or group of departments of the college, in English, or economics, or history, for example. The requirements for the degree with honors are to be fixed by any department or group of departments which wishes to enroll students as candidates for such honor, with the approval of the Committee on Educational Policy. A general prerequisite, demanded by the Faculty, is that a candidate for honors must have completed four terms of residence with at least half his work above the grade of C and with not more than one term mark below C during his second year. For exceptionally good work in his junior year a student may be added to the list of candidates at the beginning of his senior year.

This legislation is a consequence of a petition which was made to members of the Faculty by several members of the present senior class, as was told in the NEWS of March 29. Three seniors, Bertram F. Willcox, Hermann G. Place, and J. G. Schurman, jr., asked for the establishment of honor groups to be composed of students who are eager to do more than the required work in some of their courses. Their petition was referred by Dean Thilly to the Committee on Educational Policy and in turn to a sub-committee of which Professor A. A. Young was chairman. The sub-committee recommended the granting of the petition by submitting a plan for awarding the degree with honors. Accordingly the following legislation was adopted by the Faculty of the College at a special meeting held on May 14:

**HONORS IN SPECIAL SUBJECTS**

1. Any department or group of departments in the College of Arts and Sciences may recommend that the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honors in a particular subject or group of subjects shall be awarded to a student who, in addition to complying with the ordinary requirements for the degree, has satisfied such additional requirements as the department or group of departments concerned may set.

2. Any department or group of departments may admit to candidacy for Honors a student who has completed

four terms of residence, at least half of whose work is above C, and who has received no more than one term mark below C during his second year of residence. Further prerequisites may be set by the department or groups of departments concerned. A student who has maintained an exceptionally high standard of work during his third year of residence may be added to the list of candidates for Honors not later than the beginning of his seventh term of residence. A student may be dropped from the list of candidates for Honors for failure to maintain a satisfactory standard of work.

3. Candidates for Honors may receive credit (in hours) for additional work of a high order, which may or may not be in connection with regular courses of instruction.

4. Each department or group of departments that desires to enroll students as candidates for Honors shall submit its proposed requirements to the approval of the Committee on Educational Policy. These requirements may include such items as a minimum amount of work of specified grade in the special subject, general reading in the field of that subject, knowledge of auxiliary subjects, ability to make use of one or more foreign languages, a thesis, and a special examination.

### **SAINT LOUIS**

Twenty-five members of the Cornell Club of Saint Louis attended a dinner given on May 11 in honor of those members of the club who have entered the national service. A committee was appointed, consisting of Perry Post Taylor '89, George Platt Knox '94, and Herbert I. Finch '96, which drew up a resolution to be forwarded to each of the men entering the service.

A committee of ten, George J. Tansey '88, chairman, was appointed to work in pairs to obtain from members of the club a fund to be contributed to the Cornell-Ithaca Section of the American Ambulance Field Service in France.

The secretary of the club, Frank C. Cornet '13, and the treasurer, Theodore White '10, having entered the national service, resigned and their resignations were accepted. Oliver A. Reller '15 was elected treasurer and Arthur J. Widmer secretary.

### **SENECA FALLS**

M. R. Sanderson '12 has been elected secretary of the Cornell Club of Seneca Falls.

### Cornell Men in France Praised

#### Letter from Head of Field Service— New Gifts—More Men Would Go

The following letter, dated Paris, April 28, 1917, has been received from Mr. A. Piatt Andrew, head of the American Ambulance Field Service in France, by Professor Martin Sampson, the chairman of the Cornell Committee of the Service:

"I must not let the occasion pass without sending over to you a word expressing the tremendous appreciation we here all feel for the splendid results due to your indefatigable efforts at Cornell on behalf of the American Ambulance Field Service. We have never had a finer group of men than the Cornell unit which has just arrived with E. I. Tinkham. I am sure the Cornell section will add a new chapter to the story of our little service and will bring to the service of France a fine spirit of devotion which will help in saving many fathers, brothers and sons who might otherwise never return to their homes. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to you for what you have made possible. We are also very grateful for the action of the Cornell faculty."

#### Another Cornell Car

A gift of \$1,950 for the service has been received by the Cornell committee. The money is given by men connected with the American Rolling Mill Company in Ohio. It provides for the purchase and maintenance for one year of an ambulance car and the maintenance of a driver for six months or more. The donors stipulate that the car be designated the Armco-Cornell car.

A gift of money to be used for sending volunteer ambulance drivers has been received from the Cornell Club of New York. Including \$500 contributed by Otto M. Eidlitz '81, the gift amounts to \$826.50. It is the amount subscribed to date in response to a circular which the club sent out.

George J. Hecht '17, of New York, editor-in-chief of the *Era*, has given \$50 out of his *Era* earnings.

From William Metcalf, jr., '94, of Pittsburgh, the committee has received a gift of \$350 to pay the expenses of a volunteer driver. This is the second gift of the kind which has come to the committee. The former one, of \$350, was made by Professor George B. Upton '04, of Sibley College.

The Cornell alumni of Elmira have added \$65 to their former gift of \$350, which was contributed to pay the expenses of J. L. Rothwell '18, of Elmira. Rothwell is now on duty in France.

Cornell has sent more than sixty men to France for the American Field Service. By far the greater number of them have paid their own expenses, and the aggregate contributed by them in this way is about \$18,400. The Cornell committee has collected about \$9,000. Including Willard Straight's gift of \$1,600 for a car, the Cornell contribution then represents about \$29,000. Of the \$9,000 collected by the committee, use has been made as follows: Ambulances and maintenance, as stipulated, \$3,600; expenses of eight men who sailed April 14, \$2,800; of fourteen men to sail later, \$2,200; expenses (printing, postage, etc.), about \$100; estimated further expenses, \$100. There is left a free balance of about \$200.

It will be noted that \$2,200 has sufficed for fourteen men, as against \$2,800 for the first eight who were assisted. The reason is that Tinkham had to get his unit together hurriedly after the faculty action of granting leaves of absence and there was no time for those eight men to try to raise some money for themselves. Since then, the committee has kept to the plan of helping those who could do something for themselves.

The question that faces the committee now is whether, owing to lack of money, Cornell men who are ready to make the big sacrifice—their services and perhaps their lives—are to be kept away from what is after all the most immediately practical thing a young American can do, that is, go over to France and be in service one month from the date of sailing from New York. Professor Sampson said:

#### Many Men Eager to Go

"I can't tell you how it hurts to have to say to some standard Cornellian who has been working his way through college and has no way to get the money, 'We can't do anything for you unless more money comes in and I don't see any more coming.' I wouldn't say it, either—I'd give him the full amount, if it were not that the boys who can find \$250 for themselves are just as good men as those who can find nothing. But the obvious thing to do with say \$700 is to give \$100 each to seven excellent men instead of \$350 each to two excellent men.

"If some of the alumni could sit in my office as man after man comes in to offer all he has, I think their checkbooks would be out before the cases were even investigated. But it's hard to see this at long range. Most of the men are under age for the Officers' Training Corps

and under age for conscription. They don't have to serve; they want to. I wish that I could bring this matter home to those who haven't thought about it. What answer are we to give to the boys who say they need only a few dollars to give them the chance they want, the opportunity to go with glad hearts straight to the front where their fellow Cornellians have preceded them? With sufficient funds we should have no difficulty in finding a hundred men all told. Doubtless there would be more."

### A Phi Beta Kappa Function

During his stay in America Mr. Balfour has declined several honorary degrees from American colleges. But he and his associates of the British Commission have been pleased to accept honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa, to which they were recently elected by the Alpha of Virginia at William and Mary College. A convocation of this chapter and of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate was held on Thursday, May 17, at the McVeagh mansion in Washington for the purpose of conducting the initiation. The candidates (Mr. Balfour, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador; Thomas White, Lord Walter Cunliffe, Ian Malcolm, Geoffrey Butler, Lord Eustace Percy, Frederick P. Robinson, Stephen McKenna, Maurice Peterson, son of Principal Sir William Peterson of McGill, Walter T. Layton, Christopher Phillips, and Maurice S. Amos) were presented by President Hollis Godfrey of Drexel Institute, a Senator of Phi Beta Kappa. The initiation was conducted by President Lyon G. Tyler of William and Mary College, son of President John Tyler. The keys, each in a metal box of a design made about 1776, were presented by Professor Robert M. Hughes, President of the William and Mary Chapter, and Rector of the College. The charge and explanation were given by President Edwin A. Grosvenor of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Balfour replied for the initiates, dwelling on the ties, not only of blood but especially of ideal and sentiment, which bind British and American universities and scholars together. After these exercises, President and Mrs. Godfrey entertained the entire party at luncheon at their apartment, 1901 Wyoming Avenue. Among the guests at this latter function was Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose lecture on his Antarctic experience (before the National Geographic Society) most of the Senate later attended. C. S. N.

## Teaching and Production

A Rejoinder by Professor Lane Cooper  
EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS:

In my letter which you were so good as to publish on your own initiative on May 17, and upon which you comment editorially, I did not wish to suggest that the mere presence of the letters "Ph.D." after a man's name entitled him to become a university teacher—any more than the letters "A.B." in the same position indicate that a man is fit for life. Character in every instance is the thing that mainly counts. Yet "bachelor of arts" ought to signify fitness for life—otherwise the degree represents a falsehood. And *doctor* here means teacher, or it means nothing. Very likely we ought to require more than the doctorate of a candidate for a position as instructor, but certainly not less. In any case, when examined even in the most superficial way the doctoral degree tells us that its possessor has spent at least three years in preparation for a task which others would like to perform without training. That a man has wished for training, and has been able to bring his desire to its normal conclusion, is no unimportant indication of his character. But if we scrutinize our candidate more narrowly, and find him to be a man of original power, and well-trained in addition, we are sure to regard him more favorably than if he were a man, let us suppose, of the same natural ability, but untrained, self-trained, or half-trained, in the subject he offered to teach.

You must permit me to differ with you in estimating the relation between the training implied in the doctoral degree and the capacity to teach. And I must add that in speaking of this relation you are a properly interested outsider, and I am a person whose vital concern for years has been the problem of bettering the teaching of English in the preparatory school and the university. I fully agree with you that the ideal man for the undergraduate college (and for the graduate school, too, and for every other stage of education as well) is the "creative teacher." But if this means to you the untrained, rather than the well-trained, genius, there we part company. As Kenyon Cox says: "Ignorance was never yet creative." But, indeed, in selecting and preparing our teachers we do not have to reckon with heaven-sent geniuses. We must take the better among the candidates for this profession, and must try to cultivate such powers as they have, on the principle that good

capacity can be brought to real effectiveness only through rigorous discipline—such discipline as is demanded on the Continent of Europe of every university teacher. To this the only thing that with us in any fashion corresponds is the training for the doctorate. When we succeed in obtaining a better kind of degree, or when we have raised the doctorate until it is always something better than it often is at present, then we can demand better credentials of our teachers. But credentials they must have, unless we are ready to repudiate the principle that governs the admission of students to an academic community.

I am in the unfortunate position of one who in saying the normal and sensible thing am likely to be accused of paradox; whereas it is the reverse of what I say that is paradoxical. It is not an "accident" when a well-trained and productive scholar is a good teacher of undergraduates, or of children, either. Given the natural instinct, good teaching is the direct result of possessing real instead of second-hand knowledge; the result of contact with things themselves rather than with what is commonly said of them; the result of being familiar with reality, and not with shadows. If you will let me say so, during my career as a teacher of English I have never lost an opportunity to make the acquaintance of the most successful teachers of this subject; and it is my good fortune to know a number of the best in England, France, and Germany as well as in this country. With exceptions so few as to be negligible, the best teachers of English have done the sort of work that leads to the doctorate, possess the corresponding degree, and have continued all their lives to be productive scholars. It is the exception, however, that is more easily remembered, and too often is allowed to interfere with general plans for education; the more reason, therefore, for our cleaving to the normal. So far as I am aware, the best two undergraduate courses in Shakespeare in America are given, respectively, at Harvard and Cornell; in each case the teacher is a man well-known in special research, and truly merits the name of productive scholar both for the effect of his teaching upon his pupils, and for the instruction and inspiration he affords to other teachers through his publications. The best teachers of Milton in this country are, as I believe, personally known to me, every one of them; and every one is a productive scholar. If there are men who have attained the

highest success as teachers of English, who have done nothing to instruct their peers, I have not heard of them, in spite of my persistent effort to discover them.

Doubtless the average of anything human is not very good. The average physician is a charlatan, the average lawyer a pettifogger, the average clergyman a hypocrite, and so on; that is, in the opinion of the world, which is partly right. And so, I suppose, the average scholar, so-called, is in some measure a pedant, and the average possessor of the degree of Ph.D. not good enough for Cornell. But for the average pedagogue who aspires to the name of university teacher, and does not possess that degree we have no name. It is to be feared he is something very bad. Fortunately, however, the average has no real existence. Every one is an individual, with an independent value. Yet nothing can be more cruel than to encourage men to go into the university career, if they have not spirit enough, and common sense enough, and higher intelligence enough, to secure three years of special, unimpeded study under competent instruction, after they have learned as much as an undergraduate knows of any subject at the end of his senior year. The exceptional case which you have in mind will not lack recognition in the American college. What lacks recognition is the general truth that a man never can know too much about the subject he is teaching. The American does not believe in the value of first-hand knowledge outside the realm of what he can touch and see. Neither did the Englishman—before the present upheaval. What lacks recognition is the truth that you cannot take the proper attitude to a study, nor have the proper sentiments about it, if you have not studied it for yourself. But I had not supposed that the interrelation of knowledge and power, training and success, normal procedure and character would be seriously challenged in your columns. Nor, to repeat and emphasize something alluded to before, do I believe that we should admit instructors to our faculty on essentially different terms from those on which we admit students to the University. We make specific demands of our entering freshmen. These demands might be more rigorous, and there is a movement on foot to render them so; they at least suggest that something different should be expected of entering instructors. At present we have our choice between requiring the doctoral

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**P**AYMENTS of subscriptions to the Alumni Fund are coming in with the regularity of ordinary years and the fact that they are doing so is very gratifying to the officers of the Cornellian Council and, needless to say, to the University authorities. There are financial difficulties ahead for Cornell, as for every endowed university or college which has derived a large part of its income from tuition fees. How serious these difficulties will be can only be guessed. The prospect of what may happen next year is causing the University administration grave concern. At present it seems likely that the number of students will be greatly reduced and that the University's income will be correspondingly diminished. A loss of a thousand tuition paying students would cause a loss of \$150,000 in the University's income for the year. The decline

in attendance of students may be more or less than a thousand; there is reason to fear that it will be not less than that. The prospect is made even darker by the fact that the cost of living, already much increased, is likely to go still higher. It is not a cheerful outlook for college teachers and administrators. In these circumstances the steady income of the Alumni Fund is encouraging. The Fund may fall far short of meeting an extraordinary deficiency, but it will help. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees a committee was appointed to consider how the Alumni Fund could best be used in the present crisis.

In a similar situation, Dartmouth College is trying to double the size of its freshman class next fall, hoping by such means to keep the total enrollment of students at its normal number. The College has sent a letter to its alumni and friends asking for their co-operation in obtaining for the institution a much larger number of freshmen for next year. They are told that several hundred students, mostly upperclassmen, are leaving the college for military service; that since freshmen are usually below the age for military service the best course for them to pursue is to begin their college work; and that the college will be able, next year, to provide freshmen with more effective teaching than is the case usually, since the more experienced teachers can devote a greater proportion of their time to the younger students. The letter also points out—and this is no less true of Cornell—that the college offers courses in military training. In this last respect Cornell may fairly be said to offer an exceptional opportunity to boys who are ready to enter college and who are below the age of military service. An abnormally large entering class next year would help to keep the University's equipment in use and help to make up for the loss of older students who have volunteered or who are to be drafted into the army.

#### DAYTON

At the luncheons of the Cornell University Association of Dayton, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the University Club, members of the association are giving talks about their own work. In recent meetings Frank Nichols, Sp.Arch., '07, has described the new building code which he and H. I. Schenck '03, helped draw up, and Collins Wight '09, has told about his work as manager of the Dayton water works.

#### Mr. Recknagel's New Work

Professor of Forestry to Engage in a New York State Enterprise

Professor A. B. Recknagel of the department of forestry of Cornell University has received a leave of absence from his university duties in order to become forester of the Empire State Forest Products Association. He will take up his new duties on July 1st and will establish headquarters for the association at Albany.

The work which Professor Recknagel will undertake is said to mark a new departure by private foresters in the United States. The Empire State Forest Products Association is made up of lumbermen and paper manufacturers of the state. The members of the association own more than 1,200,000 acres of timberland in this state. The association at its last annual meeting decided to establish a rational and constructive system of forestry of the lands held by the members of the association.

A few years ago, Gifford Pinchot, addressing the Camp Fire Club of America, said, "Forestry in the State of New York is flourishing everywhere except in the woods." He was referring not only to private lands but to the state-owned land in the Adirondacks. The new action of the Forest Products Association makes it apparent that the old order is about to change, at least as far as privately owned timber is concerned.

President Schurman said in an address at Syracuse on April 6: "It is our national, yes, our international duty, in the present crisis, to produce all we can and to learn to apply the principles of conservation to our distribution and use of the necessities of life." Forest products are now generally recognized as being emphatically amongst the necessities of life and are of increasing importance as the population develops. New York State is the largest consumer of forest products of any state in the Union. More than \$65,000,000 is sent outside the state yearly for lumber and other forest products which could be produced within the borders of the state.

Professor Recknagel has had years of practical training and experience in similar work for the government in the United States Forest Service, and four years experience in teaching forestry at Cornell. He has specialized in forest management and is the author of a book on "The Theory and Practice of Working Plans," the second edition of which has recently appeared. He is a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1904 and of

the Yale Forest School two years later. Subsequently he spent a year in study and travel abroad. He is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Forestry* and is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

### **An Opportunity for Service**

#### **Squadron A, New York Cavalry, Is Now Recruiting Men**

EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS:

An exceptional opportunity is presented at the present time for enlistment in Squadron A, Cavalry of the New York National Guard. In the metropolitan district membership in Squadron A is considered a distinct honor. Other militia organizations in the past have drawn frequently from the ranks of the Squadron for their officers and the opportunities for advancement should be considerably greater than those offered through the impending draft service.

The military efficiency of the organization, together with the recent Mexican Border service, has secured admission for a large percentage of Squadron men to the Officers' Training Camps. Vacancies thus caused are to be filled immediately by an active recruiting campaign.

Graduates of other universities and colleges, now members of the Squadron, are unreservedly recommending enlistment to their friends as the most immediate and agreeable way in which to place themselves in the service of the country.

Admission is secured through application to an Admissions Committee supported by letters from present members of the Squadron.

The undersigned will be glad to facilitate enlistment of any Cornell men who are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity. Correspondence should be addressed to Henry P. DuBois, 37 Wall Street, New York, and the names of two or more members of Squadron A or Cornell Alumni of your acquaintance living in or near New York should be given so that we may secure the recommendations required by the Committee on Admission. Mounts and equipment will of course be furnished by the Government.

HENRY P. DuBOIS '06,  
IRVIN W. DAY '06,  
ROBERT BURNS '07,  
F. JANSEN NOYES '10,  
MARIO LAZO '16.

New York, May 18, 1917.

THE Dramatic Club has elected Samuel Karrakis '18, of New York, president.

### **Teaching and Production**

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degree of them, or something short of it—not something different.

As for scholarly publication, in the long run it is the sign of a deep interest in one's subject, and of a desire for the welfare of humanity—the abuse of it for purposes of self-advertisement affords no basis for argument against the thing itself. From a private census of the recent output in Goldwin Smith Hall, I am sure that here it is not excessive. And my familiarity with the educational institutions of Europe impels me to admit the simple fact that the teachers in our American universities are in far too many cases not playing the game they have affected to enter—the game they have chosen for the one life that has been vouchsafed to them. They have entered upon a career which in our time calls for several kinds of activity; yet through timidity and indolence, partly due to lack of training, they fail in one essential respect—and they know it. I for one am aware that whenever I cease to study and publish, my vitality as a teacher diminishes, and that I do not respect myself when I am not playing the game.

LANE COOPER.

Ithaca, May 19, 1917.

#### **A Letter from Professor Northup**

EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS:

I regret to find you, in your editorial of May 17, opposing the view that productive scholarship should be demanded of the college teacher; for I am inclined to think there is a good deal to be said in favor of it. Indeed, you cut the ground from your own feet, it seems to me, when you say that "the ideal man for the undergraduate college is the creative teacher." Though possibly we do not mean the same thing, I agree with you exactly; and I mean by the creative teacher one who has had such thorough training in his subject that he will present to his pupils fresh and independent views of the problems he discusses, and moreover, will be so much alive to the advance in scholarship in his field that he will take part, because he cannot help it, in the public discussions of those problems which are always going on in the forum and the press among the live scholars interested. He will, moreover, be interested in adding something, however little, to the world's store of knowledge in his field. I can scarcely imagine a scholar keeping intellectually alive except under some such conditions.

We are quite agreed that the dry-

asdust, uninspired holder of a doctor's degree, who has nothing to recommend him but his diploma and his thesis, is out of place in an undergraduate college faculty; and there is very little danger that he will find his way to Cornell, at least in any considerable numbers. But there is far more danger that men who imagine themselves to be "creative teachers" and to be therefore absolved from the obligation of being or becoming live scholars, shall, after attaining to high positions in their respective faculties, rest on their reputations and become mere committeemen or administrators or all-around good fellows, doing the minimum of work for their classes and exerting the minimum of influence on their pupils. And such men quickly become dead wood; the chief thing they "create" as teachers is a false impression among their pupils as to what scholarship is and is good for.

Let me conclude with an enunciation of the things that seem to me most necessary if scholarship is to be more highly prized in American colleges: (1) Teachers who are themselves scholars, with an abiding reverence for and zeal in scholarship. (2) More attention on the part of professors to teaching and research, and less attention to administration; fewer faculty meetings and more settlements of administrative problems in committee. (3) More work of the kind done by President Foster of Reed College, to convince students of the fact that high scholarship is worth while. (4) Honors courses, with sincere honor to those who complete them. (5) More rigorous standards of admission and residence. (6) A thorough reconstruction of athletics, intended to restore to exercise and college sport their original function of building up the physique of every student. (7) The elimination of professionalism from athletics, journalism, and every other phase of undergraduate life.

CLARK S. NORTHUP.

Ithaca, May 21, 1917.

#### **SAN DIEGO**

A number of Cornell men came together recently at the University Club of San Diego, Cal., and had a pleasant dinner. It was the first Cornell meeting ever held in that city, but it will not be the last. Those present were Fred Baker '74, Will S. Hebbard '87, Edwin Yawger '91, T. J. H. McKnight '05, Jabez W. Fisher '05, Grover C. Sumner '07, William P. Cary '04, Fred N. Alden '07, Howard W. Johnson '07, Winfield Hale '07, William E. Piper '09, and Clarence M. Sherwood, Ph.D. '14.

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### In the Training Camps

#### Cornell Men Who Are Candidates for the Officers' Reserve Corps

Captain Henry T. Bull, 17th Cavalry, U. S. A., is now on duty as an instructor in the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He was transferred from Fort Bliss, Texas. He is in command of the 2d company, eighth training division. In his company at Fort Benjamin Harrison are these five Cornell men: William C. Acklin '10, of Toledo; Loring K. Warner '10, of Marion, Ohio; Thomas L. McMurray '16, of Marion; Scott R. Hayes '18, of Toledo, and Frederick P. Dodge '18, of Toledo. McMurray is soon to be appointed a second lieutenant of cavalry in the army. He is now a captain of infantry of the Officers' Reserve Corps on active duty. Captain Bull found at Fort Benjamin Harrison two of his old Plattsburg officers. One of them is McMurray and the other is Patterson, an Amherst man, who is now his first lieutenant. In other companies at the same camp, Captain Bull writes, are A. P. Story '13, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Charles M. Colyer '15, of Cleveland; F. F. Stoneman '15, Robert A. Doyle '14, and Kenneth B. Champ '19.

P. H. Mallory '04 writes from Madison Barracks, N. Y., that Cornell men there not already mentioned in the NEWS are J. P. O'Connor '13, C. B. Murray '13, and Henry R. Mallory '15.

Among the ninety-odd men of the engineer company at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y., are the following eleven Cornellians: Captains E. B. Butchers '01, and Arthur Knapp '07; First Lieutenants Meyer Hofstadter '13, and H. A. Hamilton '14; and Second Lieutenants Paul Ploss '11, H. D. Ogelsby '12, Charles Weiss '13, E. A. Hill '15, J. V. Thompson '15, L. D. Rees '15, and C. F. Eilenberger '16. Fort Niagara is the camp established for Pennsylvania men.

At Fort Sheridan, Ill., are William R. Manson '13, Spencer E. Young '14, and Burton W. Brodt '14, candidates for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

The secretary of the Class of 1912 sends this information: At Madison Barracks, N. Y., are Hartwell N. Williams '12, and Leroy S. Ward '12. At the Plattsburg training camp is E. J. Weaver '14. In the Navy Coast Defense Reserve, and stationed at New Haven, Conn., are Edward G. MacArthur '11, and C. N. Evans 3d, '12, both of Hudson, N. Y.

## ALUMNI NOTES

'88, C.E.—Mario Garcia Menocal began his second term of four years as President of the Republic of Cuba on May 20, when he took the oath of office at Havana. *The New York Times* on May 21 paid him this editorial tribute: "In beginning his second term as President of Cuba General Mario Menocal is assured not only of the good-will and support of the United States Government but of the sympathy of the American people. Nothing in his illustrious career has been more creditable to him as a leader and administrator than the courage and decision with which he faced the crisis precipitated by the political revolution which was designed, by his old opponent, Gomez, to create a state of anarchy in Cuba and prevent his re-election to the office of Chief Magistrate. There was no doubt whatever that General Menocal was the candidate favored by a majority of the Cuban voters. If there had been a chance of defeating him at the polls, even by ordinary political trickery, violence would not have been resorted to by his opponents. Indeed, the real object of the rebellion was not to seat Zayas, the Liberal candidate, but to put the Cuban treasury again in the hands of Gomez. In his inaugural proclamation yesterday President Menocal dwelt upon the close relationship of Cuba and the United States. Cuba's prompt declaration of war against Germany has been of great benefit. Her example has been so effective with the rest of Latin America that it has tended greatly to relieve this nation's war burdens, which would have been much heavier if there had been any signs of hostility on the Western Continent. In his second term President Menocal will probably have an opportunity to carry out certain plans of reform in Cuba which were partly thwarted by the activities of his political enemies in the last four years."

'97, M.E.—W. J. Auburn, of Wilkesburg, Pa., has changed his address to 4366 Willowbrook Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal. He expects to be on the Pacific Coast for several months.

'99, C.E.—The address of A. B. Lueder, formerly Morristown, N. J., is now in care of the Phoenix Construction Company, Wichita, Kansas.

'05—Dr. Henry Sage Dunning sailed for France last week with the Presbyterian Base Hospital Unit of New York City. Dr. Dunning has specialized in

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the surgery of the jaws and mouth for a number of years, and will take charge of that work at the base hospital.

'07, M.E.—The address of Alexander Kennedy, jr., is changed from Schenectady, N. Y., to Company No. 1, R. O. T. C., Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'08, M.E.—Floyd Coates Stephens was married to Mrs. Helen Murray Benbow at Chicago on May 12. They will be at home after June 15 at 126 East Delavan Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

'09, M.E.—A. V. S. Lindsley, who has been with the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Company at Hammond, is a first lieutenant in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps and is on the staff of instruction of the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

'10, M.E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Eva Cribbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cribbs of Butler, Pa., and Blaine B. Ramey '10, of Wilkesburg, Pa. The wedding is to take place late in the summer. Ramey is an electrical engineer with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company.

'11, M.E.—Dario Espindola was connected with the Lacroze Street Car Company in Buenos Aires, but has resigned and is engaged now in working his own properties.

'11, A.B.—Raymond H. Fuller, of Washington, D. C., has entered the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Virginia.

'12, B.S.—Lloyd I. Snodgrass is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He had been secretary of the boys' department of the F. H. Buhl Club at Sharon, Pa., since last November.


'12—H. V. Pusch is a first lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps and is a member of the staff of instruction of the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas. Another 1912 man at that camp is Fritz A. Nagel, who is a student.

'12, A.B.—Louis H. Cary is in the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

'12, M.E.—Charles E. Finney, who has been at Tacoma, Wash., is in Company No. 2, R. O. T. C., The Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

'12, LL.B.—Several large banks in the financial district of New York City have lent members of their staffs to the sub-committee on publicity of the Liberty Loan Committee of the Second Federal Reserve District, which com-

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'13, M.E.—J. Leslie Brown is with the Dort Motor Car Company in Flint, Mich.

'13, A.B.—Leslie B. Young's address is changed from Buffalo to 3045 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

'13—Albert Horner, jr. ("Jack Horner") is a major in the 4th Infantry of

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'13, M.E.—Enrique S. Outes is an electrical engineer in the employment of the Argentine National Government.

'14—Leicester Sterling Pettit was married to Miss Retta Clark Colon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Colon, of New York, on May 16. Franklin Pettit, jr., '13, was best man, and the ushers includes Alexander Lyle, jr., '13, Ralph H. Schmid '12, George F. Schmid '12, H. R. Powell '15, Leon W. Slack '14, and Dudley W. Wallace '13. Pettit is treasurer of the New York Structural Corporation, 103 Park Avenue, New York.

'14, M.E.—A son was born on May 11 to Mr. and Mrs. S. Austin Pope of 1120 Ontario Street, Oak Park, Ill.

'15, M.E.—Celso Lopez is general manager of his father's telephone company in Buenos Aires.

'15, A.B.—Andrew L. Smith, of Albany, N. Y., is attending the officers' training camp at Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'15, A.B.—Arthur W. Doyle, of Akron, Ohio, is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

'15, D.V.M.—P. T. Petersen is an instructor in veterinary science in the University of California and is in charge of serum manufacture. His address is 5618 East Sixteenth Street, Oakland.

'16—George Taft O'Brien has announced the change of his name to George Putnam O'Brien. He is a member of Company No. 2 in the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas.

'16, C.E.—Harold L. Hock has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps. He is now at Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'16, M.E.—John Morris Benore, of 102 West Eightieth Street, New York, is attending the officers' training camp at Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'16, A.B.—Frank T. Madigan, of Herkimer, N. Y., is in Company No. 10, R. O. T. C., Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'16—Benjamin G. Davidson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

'16, M.C.E.—Joseph H. Ehlers is a second lieutenant in the Engineer Offi-

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'16, B.S.—Albert Hartzell has left the Iowa State College and enrolled in the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, Minn., where he is a member of Company No. 8.

'17, A.B.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Louise James '18, of Ithaca, and Leon F. Curtiss '17, principal of the high school at Rushville, N. Y.

'17—C. C. Woodburn, of Boone, Iowa, is a member of Company No. 13, New York Division, R. O. T. C., Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.

'17, B.S.—H. Strycker Mills is agricultural director and instructor of the

town of Southampton, Long Island, N. Y. The town is organizing into units, one of which is the agricultural unit. This unit is further subdivided into groups of workers for the purpose of increasing the output of crops and distributing them to the best advantage. This plan of organization is adapted from a plan in use in France. Mills received a leave of absence from the University until June in order to take up this work.

#### NEW ADDRESSES

'06—J. J. Wolfersperger, 305 Thatcher Block, Pueblo, Col.

'08—Willard S. Appel, 1260 Neilson Avenue, Far Rockaway, N. Y.

'11—Charles C. Trump, P. O. Box 105, Del Rio, Texas.

'12—Colman Schwarzenberg, 1914 East Eighty-first Street, Cleveland, O.

'14—D. P. Denham, 397 Reid Street, Peterboro, Ont., Canada.

'15—D. N. Milhan, Sodus, N. Y.—Nelson S. Perkins, 110 South Tenth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

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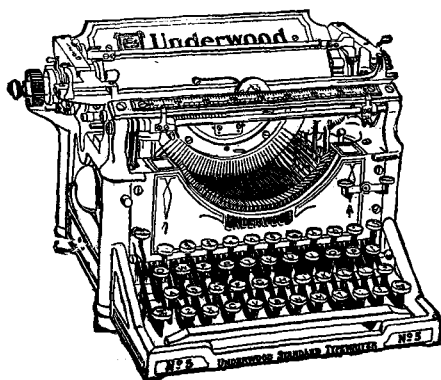
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